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## GOVERNMENT ALSO GUILTY

### Vice-President of Pacific Mail Says U. S. Is Party to Conferences

Washington, Feb. 1.—R. P. Scherwin, vice president of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, denied before the house "shipping trust" committee today that there existed a rate agreement between his company and the Kosmos Steamship company, as to rates on coffee from Central America.

"The state department is informed," said Chairman Alexander, "that a conference exists between your line and the Kosmos line."

"Then the state department's information is wrong," said Mr. Scherwin. "We have no agreement with the Kosmos line, either as to a physical division of traffic or as to rates. 'Some years ago the Kosmos line began a rate war. The coffee rate went down to \$2 a ton. Two years ago I decided to carry no more coffee at a loss and we fixed the rate at \$6. This rate the Kosmos line met.'"

"The United States government itself is a party to European steamship conferences which fix the rate between Central America and European ports and New York City, according to Scherwin, who told the committee that the government, representing the Panama railroad and the Panama Steamship company, sent a representative to the annual conference meetings in London when coffee rates were fixed.

He added that the government had endeavored to force a rate agreement between his line and the Hawaiian-American line, but that his line had declined to enter the agreement on the ground that it was in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law."

"Then the government," said Mr. Scherwin, "to force the Hawaiian line to maintain its rates, threatened if it cut them down, to put on a competing line with the government behind it. At present the Hawaiian line is operating under tariffs fixed by the government through the Panama Steamship company."

## CRUISER IS SEARCHING

### Cincinnati Ordered to Rescue Helpless British Steamer

Manila, Feb. 1.—The American cruiser Cincinnati was ordered today to search for the British steamer Ying Chow, reported lying helpless off the island of Luzon with 200 passengers on board.

The Ying Chow, which belongs to the China Navigation company, was disabled during a recent storm.

## NO TRIALS IN TWO YEARS

### County Jail Empty, No Debts, No Bonds, Money in Treasury

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—Not a single jury trial in nearly two years is the unique record of Pike county, this state, according to Presiding Judge Charles B. Staples, of the Pike-Monroe district, who is at present presiding over a Philadelphia court.

"The county jail is empty," said Judge Staples last night, "there are no cases on the court calendars, either criminal or civil, and I journey to Milford, the county seat, every three months to go through the formalities of holding a court where there are no trials."

As near as Judge Staples can remember, the last jury trial in the county court was in June, 1911. At that session two cases reached juries, both of which were of a minor nature and were concluded in less than two days. The jury wheel is kept filled but no names are drawn.

The county does not owe a cent, has no bonds outstanding, and has a

balance of more than \$4,000 in the treasury.

Pike county has a population of 3033.

## GRAND OPERA CO. TO TOUR COAST

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Gross receipts of the Chicago Grand Opera company for the ten weeks engagement which will close tonight were approximately \$500,000.

After two months in the east, the company will be taken to the Pacific coast for an engagement of several weeks.

## HEARINGS END TODAY

### Fur, Milk Products, Statuary, Beeswax and Bristles the Topics

Washington, Feb. 1.—The tariff hearings were to wind up today after almost a month of practically daily sessions of the house committee on ways and means.

The final testimony today was by witnesses interested in the free list and in the phraseology of the administrative portion of the tariff law. The program included a discussion of fur, milk products, statuary, church statuary, beeswax and bristles, and other things.

With the evidence all in the committee is ready to proceed next week with executive sessions that may continue not only through February, but through most of March in the formulation of tentative legislation for the incoming congress.

## RODE MOTOR INTO RIVER

### Crowd Excited, Boys Shout: "Get Wise, It Was For the Movies"

Seabright, N. J., Feb. 1.—A young man with his face dramatically set and a woman with her hair flying wildly sped through the streets on a motorcycle here yesterday, heedless of the warnings that the drawbridge over the Shrewsbury river just ahead of them was open. Neither rider seemed to hear and in an instant the motorcycle was turning a somersault in the air and the man and girl went into the water. Hundreds of persons ran up, excited at the news that a crazy man had driven a girl and himself into the river, only to find that a motorboat had picked them up safely. Some women, who witnessed the affair, were almost fainting when the boys in the crowd shouted: "Get wise, it was all done for the movies." See the man with the camera over there."

## EX-AMBASSADOR DEAD IN BERLIN

Berlin, Feb. 1.—Dr. Theodore van Holsbeek, formerly German ambassador at Washington, died here today in his 75th year. He had been seriously ill for about two weeks.

## TO REDUCE TRAGEDIES

### Big Wireless Station Plans to Chart Daily Position of All Vessels

Washington, Feb. 1.—In the hope of reducing the tragedies of the sea, Commander William H. G. Bullard, superintendent of the powerful naval wireless station across the Potomac river from Washington, is working out a plan whereby the daily position of all vessels will be received and charted.

In this way assistance in case of accident could be hurried to a vessel in distress and the faster vessels in the vicinity of such a distressed vessel could be reached quickly.

Commander George F. Cooper, hydrographer, is collaborating with Superintendent Bullard.

## There Are More Foolish Buyers Than Foolish Sellers. Why?

If you had something for sale you would know first what the article cost you and second just what you wanted for it. You would not sell it to the first person trying to buy it unless you could get your price.

But are you as careful as a buyer? Most people are not, and from this lack of care arises much complaint. That which is done hastily is usually not well done, what at

first glance seemed to be wool turns out to be shoddy; a shapely garment loses its fit after the first laundering and so on. Bad ware is never cheap. Do your shopping with thought and care.

Read the advertisements of the reputable merchants advertising in the STANDARD today; read them closely and persistently every day; shop with these merchants, and you will have no causes for complaint.

## GUILTY OF CONTEMPT

### Decision Given by Judge in Suit Against Kansas City Star Editor

Kansas City, Feb. 1.—W. R. Nelson, editor and owner of the Kansas City Star, pronounced guilty of contempt by Judge Joseph A. Guthrie in the county circuit court this afternoon, was sentenced to one day in the county jail. His attorney immediately applied for a writ of habeas corpus.

Kansas City, Feb. 1.—William R. Nelson, editor and owner of the Kansas City Star, was pronounced guilty of contempt of court by Judge Joseph A. Guthrie of division one of the Jackson county circuit court. The citations for contempt followed the publication of an article stating that the payment of attorney's fees was given precedent over the payment of alimony in a divorce suit recently tried in the circuit court.

Judge Guthrie's decision elicited from Attorney Walsh, for the defense, the statement that he believed it had been prepared in advance of the hearing. The court admitted this, saying it was as "easily prepared then as any time, since the court had the facts in its breast."

Decision Prepared in Advance. Upon Mr. Walsh's insistence, the fact that the decision was prepared in advance was put into the record.

The decision followed argument by Attorney Walsh that a finding against Nelson would be not only a reflection upon the dignity of the court but an act based upon theories of Blackstone's time, "when any person could be cited at any time upon any charge of contempt of the king's ministers and thrown into prison."

Only three witnesses testified. Repeated objections by Attorney Yates, friend of the court, sustained by the court, resulted in these being dismissed by the defense shortly after being called. Most of the hearing was given over to impassioned arguments for the freedom of the press by Mr. Walsh and strong denunciations of the mendacity of the press from Attorney Yates.

Sentence Deferred. Attorney Yates, arguing that the usual \$50 fine was no punishment for Mr. Nelson, insisted that the editor be sent to jail. Sentence, however, was deferred.

"Plain, ambiguous meaning of the article," said the court, "is that this court consented to decide the matter of attorneys' fees in a divorce suit as the lawyer indicated—that this court would pay the lawyer and let the woman starve. This was untrue. I must demand respect for this court, and I cannot command respect, I shall step out."

Star Published Truth. Mr. Walsh argued that the Star published the proceedings in the divorce case as a mere matter of news and told nothing but the truth.

"I believe it to be of the greatest importance," he said, "that courts permit the fullest and most elaborate expression of all divorce cases. No question in modern progressive times has been the subject of more research or has brought forth wider interest."

"Is this not a matter which affects the family? Should we leave it to be squabbled over by attorneys? Should not people know that a woman can not dismiss a divorce suit and go back to her husband without first paying \$50 or \$60 for attorneys' fees in a case never tried? Shouldn't I be allowed to go out into this courthouse yard and tell a thousand people that the court rules that this cannot be done, and shouldn't a newspaper be allowed to tell its subscribers the same thing?"

Attorney Yates in his argument charged that the Star had printed a lie and had reiterated it in its return upon the citation.

## AGREEMENT NOT REACHED

### Some Progress Made in Plan for Dissolving Harriman Merger

Washington, Feb. 1.—"Some progress was made but no agreement was reached," said Attorney General Wickersham this afternoon at the conclusion of the conferences with representatives of the Southern and Union Pacific railroads in an effort to agree with the attorney general on a plan involving the Union Pacific Southern Pacific merger.

## AUSTRIA SENDS A LETTER TO RUSSIA

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—A letter from Emperor Francis Joseph of Aus-

tria-Hungary to Emperor Nicholas of Russia, which is expected to clear up the Austro-Russian situation and lead to the demobilization of Austrian and Russian armies, is on the way from Vienna in the hands of Prince Hohenlohe-Waldenburg-Schillingstuerst, formerly Austro-Hungarian military attaché here.

## OHIO OIL ADVANCES

Findlay, Ohio, Feb. 1.—The Ohio Oil company today advanced the price of North and South Lima, Indiana and Illinois oils each three cents per barrel, making North Lima, \$1.34; South Lima and Indiana \$1.27 and Illinois, \$1.17.

## RATS ARE IN DEMAND

### College Boys Plan to Stampede Suffrage Parade on March 3

Washington, Feb. 1.—Scampering rats and mice are counted on by college students to stampede the suffrage parade on March 3. The unusual demand for rodents was explained today when the plot that has spread through virtually every institution of learning in the capital was learned. The college boys, it has developed, intend to post their forces along the length of Pennsylvania avenue and, at a prearranged signal, dash into the marching line with handbags or parcels containing the mice, shaking them out into the street. They expect the greatest display of hosiery and lingerie ever seen.

Leaders Dismayed. When the plot was uncovered the suffragist leaders were dismayed. Appeal to the police has been made and Commissioner Rudolph has promised protection. The police, however, cannot make arrests until after the mice have been liberated and the women fail to see that arrests will remedy the situation.

"It's perfectly horrid," said a blonde suffragist at national headquarters today, shuddering at the prospect. "Of course I'm not frightened, but there are so many timid women, and besides a mouse is a mouse."

In an effort to convert men to the cause, it was announced today that experience meetings for "men only" would be held next week. The speakers will be women and they will be prepared to answer any questions that may be asked.

## RYAN \$70,000 BOND APPROVED

Chicago, Feb. 1.—The \$70,000 bond of Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Iron Workers union, was approved today by Judge Baker, sitting in the United States court of appeals. Ryan's sentence in the dynamite conspiracy case was seven years imprisonment.

## COMPANIES ABSORBED

### Swift and Company Buy Four Poultry and Produce Companies

Chicago, Feb. 1.—Swift & Company announced today the purchase of four central states poultry and produce companies. The concerns taken over are:

The Clarinda Poultry, Butter and Egg company, with offices and farms at Clarinda, Leon and Creston, Iowa, and Lincoln, Neb.

The Central Michigan Produce company of Alma, Mich.

Iowa Cold Storage company of Clinton, Iowa.

S. P. Pond company of Kookuk and Ottawa, Iowa.

## TODAY IN CONGRESS

Washington, Feb. 1.—Senate. Convened at 11:45 a. m. Resumed consideration of the Works' six-year presidential term amendment.

La Follette eight-hour bill for women workers taken up in committee. House. Convened at 11 a. m. Ways and means committee resumed hearings on tariff.

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## TROUBLE IN HONG KONG

### British Troops and Marines Patrol Streets and Ferry Stations

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 1.—British troops and marines were patrolling the streets and ferry stations of Hong Kong when the liner Empress of India cleared from that port. The Empress arrived here yesterday. Her officers said a boycott against the street cars and ferry boats was in progress at Hong Kong, because of a recent ruling by the governor that only British coin should be accepted for fares. The order was inspired by the fact that Chinese coinage had become so mutilated as to be unrecognizable. The native population became indignant and organized a general boycott which was accompanied by disorder.

A return to normal conditions was expected to result from a new decree by the governor ordering the confiscation of convicted boycotters' property.

## GOLD AT A PREMIUM

### War Possibility Withdraws Nearly All Coin From Circulation

Paris, Feb. 1.—Owing to apprehension of a possible war, gold, which is now at 29 cents premium on \$100, has almost entirely disappeared from circulation. The only places in Paris where gold coin can now be obtained are the Paris branches of the American banks. The French banks refuse to hand even one 20-franc piece to their customers.

The hoarding of gold has been in progress for three months. For two or three days recently, when peace in the Balkans seemed likely, a few gold pieces began to reappear in circulation, but these have once more vanished.

## NEW RULES IN EFFECT

### Supreme Court Sends New Schedule to All Federal Courts

Washington, Feb. 1.—The new schedule of rules and rules presented by the supreme court of the United States for the federal courts throughout the country went into effect today. Their general purpose is to reduce the cost of litigation and eradicate needless delays.

One of the new rules enforces rigid restrictions upon the granting of temporary injunctions in such cases as labor troubles.

## MADERO TRYING TO SUPPRESS REBELS

Washington, Feb. 1.—Reports from Mexico today encouraged officials here to believe that the federal government was putting forth renewed efforts to suppress the rebels. Ambassador Wilson reported that federal troops in the north were taking measures to protect American mining properties in Chihuahua. The federal commander at Juarez is reported to have taken the offensive, opened the railway southward and sent a force to attack the rebels.

## BANKER MORSE MUCH IMPROVED

New York, Feb. 1.—Charles W. Morse, the banker whose sentence President Taft commuted, is much improved in health, according to cable advices. At Florence, Italy, where he is staying, he is taking long walks. He has no definite plans regarding returning to America, however. Recent reports were that Mr. Morse was in a serious condition.

## FOR ONCE WOMAN WAS SPEECHLESS

Danielson, Conn., Feb. 1.—Six hundred persons, most of whom were suffragists, who were listening to an address by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Suffrage association, in the Danielson theater last night, were thrown into confu-

sion when John Frisbie, a wealthy farmer of Mechanicsville, interrupted the speaker and proposed marriage to her.

"Just a minute," Miss Shaw, shouted Frisbie, "I have been a widower for 18 years. Will you marry me and make me happy? I have plenty for us both."

For several minutes Dr. Shaw stood speechless. Then she cried out dramatically: "I don't want a wedding ring! All I want is the vote!"

"I hope you never get the vote if that's the way you feel about," was Frisbie's parting shot as he left the hall.

## ALL PALACES ARE CLASSED

### Threats of Suffragettes Cause Royal Order to Be Issued

London, Feb. 1.—Owing to the threats of the militant suffragettes to wreck public property until their demands are granted, the royal palaces of Kensington, Hampton Court, Kew and Holyrood were closed today to the public until further notice. All four palaces are favorite resorts of the people, whose wrath, it is thought, will be visited on the suffragettes whenever an opportunity offers. It is reported that all the public museums and similar institutions are also to be closed.

A suffragette entered the Tower of London this afternoon and smashed a glass case in the jewel house with a piece of iron hidden in the sleeve of her coat. She was arrested.

## REDUCTION DEMANDED

### Nevada Orders 3-Cent-a-Mile Rate to Go Into Effect February 25

Reno, Nev., Feb. 1.—The railroad commission of Nevada in an opinion and order written by Commissioner Shagnessy has ordered that, on or before February 25 the Southern Pacific company within Nevada shall reduce the present local one-way passenger fares between all points on its standard gauge main and branch lines from 4 to 3 cents a mile to 3 cents a mile.

Chairman Bartine dissents from the majority opinion on the ground that while entirely favorable to a reduction to three cents a mile on the main line, he is opposed to any reduction in fares on the branch line for the reason that if treated separately, and not included as a part of the entire system, as contemplated in the majority opinion, the business of the branch line is not sufficient to warrant a reduction in the fares thereon.

## QUAKERS CONFIDENT

### Will Locke Expected to Build Up Winning Team For 1913

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—It now appears that the Philadelphia National League club is in a fair way to regain some of the prestige which it lost during the last eight or ten years. William H. Locke, former secretary of the Pittsburgh club, is now at the helm, and Quaker City "Fans" are confident he will build up a winning team.

The National league and the baseball world as a whole welcomes the change. "Will" Locke, in his capacity as secretary of the Pittsburgh club, established himself as a business man of well-defined scruples and principles.

## TROOPS BEING ENROLLED DAILY

St. Petersburg, Feb. 1.—Austria-Hungary continues the active enrollment of supplementary reservists in the frontier districts bordering on Russia and Serbia, according to a dispatch from Prague.

A force of 250,000 Austro-Hungarian troops is now concentrated in Bosnia.

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## BIG SALARY FOR THORPE

### Dethroned Champion Expected to Make Great Ball Player

New York, Feb. 1.—"Jim" Thorpe, the Indian athletic marvel, signed a contract this afternoon calling for his services with the New York National league baseball club during the season of 1913. In so doing he stepped forever from the ranks of amateur athletes, a sequence to his recent confession that he had played professional ball several years ago and was not entitled to the amateur honors accorded him at the Olympic games.

Thorpe said today that he prefers to pitch with the Giants, but it is thought probable that McGraw will work him in the outfield.

Thorpe is grabbed up by Manager McGraw of the New York team at a salary reported to be more than \$5,000 with only an ordinary record behind him of ability as a ball player.

Never Saw Thorpe Play. McGraw never saw Thorpe play ball. As a matter of fact, it is doubtful if any of the managers of the four other major league clubs who bid for his services had ever seen him play, but all apparently trusted that the man who was recently crowned in the Olympic games as the world's greatest athlete would make a valuable acquisition to major league baseball.

Although Thorpe's records in the eastern Carolina league are noteworthy, McGraw, who pays little attention to averages, is certain that the Indian has the making of a great ball player. Thorpe's play in the south was as pitcher, outfielder and first baseman. In the box he won a few more games than he lost, and in fielding he had a percentage of over 900. He was not regarded as a scientific batter, swinging at the ball freely and not being satisfied unless he hit it out of the lot. His average, however, was over 250. He was regarded as a wonderful thrower and a speedy base runner, however.

Dozen Indians in Ball History. If he wears the uniform of the New York Nationals next season, he will have the records of at least three other Indian major league baseball players worthy of emulation. Sockalexis, who played with the ball player who played with the old Cleveland National league team in the nineties, Charles Bender, the great Chicago pitcher of the Philadelphia Americans and "Chief" Meyers, who catches for the New York Nationals, are three aborigines who have risen to prominence in baseball. In all there have been about a dozen Indian ball players in the history of the major league.

## SHIP LONG OVERDUE

### Arrives at Last With Crew Starving and Cabin Fixtures for Fuel

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 1.—Many weeks overdue and with the distress signal flying, the steamer, Ikala, lumber-laden from Astoria, Ore., to Melbourne, limped into port today with her cabin fixtures blazing under the boilers and her crew all but starved.

The oil-burning apparatus failed early in the voyage and the steamer fought her way across the Pacific with her small coal supply and her fixtures to make steam. She averaged less than half speed and her stores gave out entirely before she made port. Only a few of her crew were strong enough for duty when she arrived.

## SON IMPALED ON HIS SWORD

### Brooklyn Youth Ties Weapon to Chair and Lunges Forward

New York, Feb. 1.—Louis Duryea, a Brooklyn youth, tied his father's sword to a chair today, then lunged forward and impaled himself on the blade. Found dead in the hall, the family thought he had died of heart disease, but examination disclosed a deep wound in his abdomen. The young man left no note explaining his suicide.

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HEAR MISS COLBURN OF ROWLAND HALL---SUBJECT, "A LIFE SAVING STATION FOR THE CLASSES"---AT PARISH HOUSE, Twenty-Fourth and Grant, Tomorrow Evening at 7:30 p.m.